

Table 105. Property crimes, 2005:

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**Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,  
by race of head of household and type of crime**

Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
<b>White only</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,811,600</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
Reported to another official	987,330	8.4	3.5	1.7 *	9.3
Private or personal matter	595,960	5.0	4.2	12.0 *	5.1
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	3,272,940	27.7	21.5	32.2	28.7
Not important enough	483,130	4.1	6.0	0.0 *	3.8
Insurance would not cover	362,040	3.1	4.4	6.9 *	2.8
Not aware crime occurred until later	652,560	5.5	6.8	6.0 *	5.3
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	853,640	7.2	8.4	2.9 *	7.1
Lack of proof	1,544,830	13.1	17.0	7.7 *	12.5
Police would not want to be bothered	1,017,780	8.6	8.2	6.3 *	8.7
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	342,110	2.9	5.0	4.8 *	2.5
Fear of reprisal	74,730	0.6	0.7 *	5.5 *	0.5
Too inconvenient or time consuming	442,770	3.7	3.1	1.3 *	3.9
Other reasons	1,181,780	10.0	11.3	12.7 *	9.7
<b>Black only</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,477,890</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %*</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
Reported to another official	163,370	11.1	6.3 *	0.0 *	12.2
Private or personal matter	93,970	6.4	4.6 *	0.0 *	6.8
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	274,320	18.6	13.5 *	14.9 *	19.7
Not important enough	43,810	3.0	3.9 *	0.0 *	2.8 *
Insurance would not cover	43,360	2.9	4.7 *	0.0 *	2.6 *
Not aware crime occurred until later	90,470	6.1	10.6 *	0.0 *	5.3
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	134,910	9.1	7.3 *	0.0 *	9.7
Lack of proof	199,130	13.5	17.1	0.0 *	12.9
Police would not want to be bothered	129,320	8.8	4.6 *	0.0 *	9.8
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	54,160	3.7	3.7 *	10.8 *	3.5
Fear of reprisal	7,630 *	0.5 *	1.4 *	0.0 *	0.3 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	49,370	3.3	4.1 *	33.9 *	2.7 *
Other reasons	194,060	13.1	18.1	40.5 *	11.6

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Excludes data on persons of "Other" races and persons indicating two or more races.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.